



2008-09 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

GRANT CRITERIA	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
General student eligibility:	Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be a California resident - be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens - meet U.S. Selective Service requirements - attend an eligible California college or university 		
Eligibility based on:	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 high school GPA or a 2.4 college GPA; (cannot have completed a prior baccalaureate degree)	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA; (cannot have completed a prior baccalaureate degree)	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, Cal C Supplement form; (cannot have completed a prior baccalaureate degree)
Application forms:	FAFSA, GPA Verification Form	FAFSA, GPA Verification Form	FAFSA, GPA Verification Form (recommended), Cal Grant C Supplement form
Minimum length of program:	Two academic years, leading to a degree	One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate	Four months, in a recognized career or technical program only
Eligibility time limit:	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year program)	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year program)	Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program (two years maximum at full-time equivalent)
Minimum need for new recipients:	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500	\$700	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500
Type of assistance:	Tuition and fee assistance only	Access costs (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition/fee plus access costs thereafter	Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)
New recipient annual award amounts:	Systemwide tuition and fees at CSU and UC campuses; for independent colleges, the amount is set in the annual state Budget Act.	In the first year, students receive only access costs of \$1,551; in subsequent years, students receive access costs and a tuition and fee award in the same amounts as Cal Grant A	Up to \$2,592 tuition and fees at colleges other than a California Community College; \$576 training-related costs
Special award category:	California Community College Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status until they attend a four-year school	Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both access costs and tuition and fees in the first year	None
Renewal process:	Submit the FAFSA so the school can determine continued financial need; maintain satisfactory academic progress		

For each program listed below, students must meet all the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:

HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
Application deadline:	March 2, 2008*	March 2, 2008*
Population served:	2006-07 or 2007-08 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA	2006-07 or 2007-08 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	All eligible students
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2008*	March 2, 2008*
Population served:	Students who graduated from a California high school after July 1, 2000; were California residents when they graduated (unless due to military orders); have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to, and receive award payment at, an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year	
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	All eligible students
COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS** (limited number of awards)		
Application deadlines:	First deadline: March 2, 2008* for students who did not receive an Entitlement Cal Grant award Second deadline: September 2, 2008** for California Community College students only	
Population served:	Students from low- and middle-income families	Students from disadvantaged and low-income families
Selection criteria:	Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors considered include financial, educational, cultural, language, home, community, environmental, and other conditions that might hinder a student's access to higher education Additional consideration given to students who: - graduated from high school before July 1, 2000 - have reestablished their GPAs and qualify for a Cal Grant B - did not receive an Entitlement Cal Grant award - are continuing college students	
Number of new awards:**	22,500 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2008* deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2008** deadline	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2008*	
Population served:	Students from low- and middle-income families who are seeking a career or technical education	
Number of new awards:	7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state budget	
Additional requirements:	None	

*Since March 2, 2008, falls on a Sunday, the deadline is extended to March 3, 2008.

**The Governor's proposed budget for 2008-09 does not include funds for new Competitive Cal Grant awards. The final budget is not expected until July 2008.

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program. For more information, visit www.csac.ca.gov or www.calgrants.org.
For detailed legal descriptions, please refer to the California Education Code.